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- The following is said to represent the personal opinion of Wladyslaw Gomulka regarding the background of his political eclipse.
- 2. In 1946, while he was still the Secretary of the PPR (Polish Workers' Party), Wladyslaw Gomulka, by chance, read an article in an East German newspaper which demanded that the "western territories" in Poland be returned to Germany. Since the Potsdam Agreement had not been explicit regarding this matter, Gomulka was prompted by this newspaper article to request the Polish Polithuro to insist upon a secret military pact with the Soviet Union whereby the Polish claims to these western territories would be guaranteed. Various members of the Polithuro opposed Gomulka's proposal and Jakob Berman pointed out that the Polithuro could not possibly exert pressure on the Soviet Union regarding such a delicate issue. The disastrous consequences of these rather heated Polithuro discussions became apparent to Gomulka only upon his sub-

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Later, during the Cominform Genderance in August 1947, Gomulka vehemently opposed Zhdanov's proposal to locate Cominform headquarters in Warsaw, insisting that such a move would be extremely harmful to Polish policy and would unnecessarily compromise Poland in the eyes of the Western world. As a result of Gomulka's stand, Bucharest was eventually selected as the site of the Cominform, following the Tito-Cominform break in 1948. With this maneuver, Gomulka had earned the distrust and hatred of Stalin and the other

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